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By: **Delegates Hixson, Rawlings, and C. Davis**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Property Tax - Charter Counties - Limits**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the county council of certain charter counties to set a  
4 property tax rate or collect certain property tax revenues under certain  
5 conditions, notwithstanding any provision of a county charter that places  
6 certain limits on that county's property tax rate or revenues; providing for the  
7 application of this Act; and generally relating to county property tax rates and  
8 revenues.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Tax - Property  
11 Section 6-202  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Tax - Property**

17 6-202.

18 (A) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a  
19 county may impose property tax on the assessment of property that is subject to that  
20 county's property tax.

21 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF A COUNTY CHARTER THAT  
22 PLACES A LIMIT ON THAT COUNTY'S PROPERTY TAX RATE OR REVENUES, A COUNTY  
23 COUNCIL, BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL,  
24 MAY SET A PROPERTY TAX RATE THAT IS HIGHER THAN THE RATE AUTHORIZED  
25 UNDER THE COUNTY'S CHARTER OR COLLECT MORE PROPERTY TAX REVENUES  
26 THAN THE REVENUES AUTHORIZED UNDER THE COUNTY'S CHARTER.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 June 1, 2003, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30,  
3 2003.